

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

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For: METHOD FOR MAKING POSITIVE  
GRIDS AND LEAD-ACID CELLS AND  
BATTERIES USING SUCH GRIDS

Examiner: R. Alejandro

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fee, please amend this application as follows: